

The specification is amended to correct transcription errors. With respect to "RELATED APPLICATIONS" which this application claims benefit of earlier filing dates under 35 USC 120, the continuation data as amended by Applicant are as follows:

'This application is a continuation-in-part application of copending applications USSN 08/581,125 filed 12/29/95 (now US Patent 5,962,572); 08/581,188 filed 12/29/95 (now abandoned); 08/581,191, filed 12/29/95 (now US Patent 5,760,117); 08/845,809 filed 4/29/97 (now US Patent 5,938,499); 08/819,675 filed March 17, 1997 (now US patent 5,884,639); PCT/US/94/07314 Filed June 27, 1994 (now US Patent 5,868,597); PCT/US94/04278, filed 19 April 1994 (now USSN 08/211781); Serial No. 288,690 filed August 11, 1994 (now US Patent 5,633,286). The subject matter contained in the related applications and patents are specifically incorporated herein by reference.'

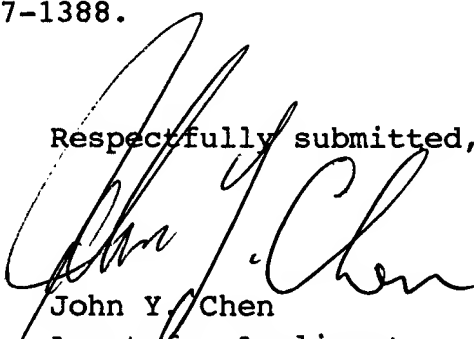
Claims 1-8 are pending in the case and are amended to better bring out the invention which amendments are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. The present amendments do not involve new matter or new issues and are not made for reason of any prior art. Since the amendments are within the original scope of allowed claim 1 and require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office, consideration and entry is requested by Applicant.

Drawing corrections are being submitted with this amendment.

This response is being made within the (2) month period for response.

Should Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant can be reached at (650) 827-1388.

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